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Researchers discover new species of frog in city

Leachate outflow from landfill into soil and groundwater affects health, livelihood of villagers

SPILLAGE IN THE VILLAGE

National Green Tribunal notices to CPCB, KSPCB, BBMP

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Toxic outflow of leachate from Mavallipura landfill into soil and water has impacted the health and livelihood of villagers in the area.

While water, air, and vector-borne diseases have been on the rise since the landfill was set up, cattle in the area suffer from various health problems. Discharge of leachate into the water and soil has led to water insecurity and has affected the food systems.

The aforementioned are some aspects highlighted during a public consultation of farmers organised by the Environment Support Group (ESG) a month ago.

Following the report and subsequent media coverage, the principal bench of National Green Tribunal (NGT) took notice of the matter and sought explanations from the Central Pollution Control Board, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). Notices have been issued to these agencies directing them to file their responses.

The original application was registered suo motu on the basis of a news story based on ESG's report, which raised substantial issues relating to compliance with the environmental norms.

In the public consultation organised by ESG, farmers had expressed their livelihoods have taken a hit due to the impact of the landfill and its toxic outflows into soil and water.

> **"During heat waves, the landfill often catches fire, engulfing the village in smog..."**
> — participant at public consultation organised by ESG

To add to that, irregular weather and rainfall patterns, along with indiscriminate use of chemical pesticides and fertilisers

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Are AI cams doing their job?

Stats raise concern whether dependence on tech for detecting traffic violations has been effective

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Out of the seven traffic violations detected by AI cameras installed across the city, an increase in detections was only seen in two cases — signal jumping and seat belt violations.

The remaining five violations saw a decrease in detection as compared to 2022.

In 2022, the Bengaluru Traffic Police started working with AI-enabled cameras. By 2023, the detection system was moved to contactless detection, especially for the seven violations: speed limit, red light, stop lane, no helmet, triple riding, driving using phones, and driving without seat belts.

In 2023, 80,4489 cases were booked for not wearing seatbelts as compared to 1,22,929 cases in 2022. A total of 10,88,276 cases were booked for jumping signals in 2023 as compared to 42,0541 cases in 2022.

There was a 554.4% increase in seatbelt violations and 158.78% increase in jumping traffic signals.

The remaining five violations only saw a decrease as compared to 2022. The BTP booked 2,274 cases for

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Ballet & Odissi

One of the leading Odissi exponents, Sharmila Mukerjee, and her dance ensemble Sanjali are set to present 'Hansika', an Odissi adaptation of the widely acclaimed Russian ballet Swan Lake. With an ensemble of 25 artists, Hansika showcases a western classical theme through the Indian classical danceform Odissi.
Where: ADA Rangamandira, JC Road;
When: Sunday, February 4; 6:30 pm

02 Kuvempu's glory

Pravara Theatre is set to present two Kannada plays this Sunday. The first play, Annana Nenapu, is a play based on an art novel by KP Poornachandra Tejaswi, which is Mahakavi Kuvempu's memoir. The play conveys significant chapters that depict the importance of Kuvempu's place in Kannada cultural history. The second play, Beg Borrow Aliya, is a comedy play centred around the concept of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.
Where: KH Kalasoudha Hanumanthanagara
When: February 4; 1st play- 4 pm and 2nd play-7 pm

03 Musical comedy

Quite a relevant play that can be much related to is going to be performed in town. Anthill, a musical comedy, sends a message to the corporate world that they need to pay attention to the mental health conditions of their employees. Kabir's words and music will make the protagonist realise that he is shrinking and that he must take a route to address his troubles. This show will be followed by two more shows on February 17 and 18. **Where: Ranga Shankara; When: February 9**

Seasons of change: Waiting for mango

Many mango trees are still in budding stage, which could result in potential delay in arrival of mangoes; recent rainfall may adversely impact production this year

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Mango enthusiasts might not be pleased to hear that mango trees in Bengaluru rural district are experiencing delayed flowering, attributed to the impact of climate change. As a result, many trees have yet to blossom, potentially leading to a delay in the arrival of mangoes.

Gunavant, Deputy Director of the Horticulture Department in Bengaluru rural district, said, "There was overcast weather in December, and even the day temperatures were comparatively lower. This may affect the mango flowering."

Expressing concern, Puneeth Gowda, a mango farmer, added, "It is a matter of concern that even though January is ending, many plants are yet to flower. Last year, we also witnessed a dip in production. We are keeping our fingers crossed."

Given that this is the season for mango flowering, the unseasonable rainfall might lead to the premature falling of flowers, potentially impacting mango yields. In certain mango-growing regions, farmers express satisfaction with this year's increased flowering compared to previous years, indicating a potential for a robust mango harvest. Nevertheless, hopes have been dampened in other areas due to the rainfall experienced in the first week of January, which could negatively affect mango production.

An official of the Horticultural Department said, "The recent rainfall may adversely impact production. Additionally, many

Given that this is the season for mango flowering, the unseasonable rainfall might lead to the falling of flowers

mango trees are currently affected by pests, posing a further threat to production. We are providing farmers with solutions to overcome these challenges."

> **"It's concerning that even though January is ending, many plants are yet to flower. Last year, we also witnessed a dip in production**
> –Puneeth Gowda, a mango farmer

Typically, there is a cyclical pattern where one year witnesses a good mango supply, followed by a comparatively lower supply the next year. According to this pattern, this year should have been a bumper year for mangoes. However, farmers are now keeping their fingers crossed as there are reports of a reduction in flowering in December and January in certain mango-growing areas. Mangoes are cultivated on 2 lakh hectares of land in the state, with an annual production of 14–15 lakh metric tonnes. With a 40% reduction in production, it is anticipated that around 8 lakh metric tonnes of mangoes may enter the market this year. Although mangoes are available in some shops almost year-round, the official mango season is considered from the second week of March to August.

Experts note that prolonged colds lead to abundant flowering in the plants. However, the cold season was erratic this time, as a few areas experienced severe cold while in other areas, the cold days were minimal. Even with minimal dew in certain places, it won't affect the crop. However, experts caution that dark dew, occurring when dew falls in the morning with little water content, can reduce yield. Good sunshine during the day and lower temperatures at night are crucial for a successful yield. Officials from the Horticultural Department stress the difficulty of predicting yield during flowering, as ongoing cloud cover or rainfall could impact the outcome.

The Bengaluru market also receives mango supplies from Tamil Nadu. If the mango you purchase lacks taste or suppleness, it may have been artificially ripened using calcium carbide. This chemical, wrapped in small packets, is placed between fruits for quick ripening. Some traders use ethylene sachets kept below the straws in packed boxes. Besides affecting taste and quality, these chemically ripened mangoes pose health risks, including headaches, dizziness, sleep disorders, neurological issues, memory loss, and cancer. Officials stress that using chemical packets to ripen fruits is illegal.

Experts also advise maintaining cleanliness on the farm to yield good results and control diseases and worms. Kolar, Ramanagar, Chikkaballapur, Davanagere, and Dharwad are known for mango growing, with Kolar, Chikkaballapur, and Ramanagar having a significant share.

Guides released to scrutinise environmental protection

Karnataka Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre released a toolkit and manuals for the Green Index initiative on Wednesday. The initiative is expected to analyse, evaluate, and rank environmental protection initiatives deployed in government infrastructure projects and programmes.

> **Forest Minister releases toolkit and manuals for Green Index initiative**

The toolkit will look at a composite measure of the environmental performance of a project. The index, developed in collaboration with the Environmental Management and Policy Research Institute (EMPRI) and the Indian Institute of Science (IISC), will use a set of indicators and sub-indicators reflecting environmental concerns. These indicators include adoption of energy efficiency and renewable energy, water conservation and recycling, waste treatment and recycling, air pollution control,

biodiversity conservation, carbon dioxide emission reduction or sequestration, and adaptation to disasters and climate change.

The focus of this toolkit is to present guidelines for developing the Green Index at the stage of designing, formulation, and approval of new developmental programmes or schemes.

The indicators and sub-indicators are then scored on a scale of 1 to 4 for the given project. The green index value for projects and programmes is then estimated based on the scores given for the indicators and sub-indicators.

The minister said the idea behind the initiative is to prevent and conserve biodiversity and maintain ecological balance by avoiding overexploitation of natural resources. **— BMB**

Footpath access denied in Bengaluru

High Court takes note of issue of parking on footpaths, decries sight of junk vehicles left all around

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The High Court of Karnataka has orally asked the State Advocate General to take up the issue of vehicles parked on footpaths causing obstruction to smooth pedestrian movement with relevant authorities.

A division bench comprising acting Chief Justice PS Dinesh Kumar and Justice TG Shivashankare Gowda noted that while many choose to park their vehicles on footpaths, the sight of junk vehicles being left on the pathways to permanently tarnish them is also not an uncommon sight.

The issue was brought up while the Bench was referring to a petition where a resident of Thyagarajanagar sought direction from the court to the municipal body Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), requiring them to fix hand railings for footpaths. The resident had complained that his senior citizen mother had experienced a fall on the road due to the lack of hand railings. "If something can be done with your intervention, it will be good for the citizens and Bengaluru City," the Bench told the advocate general Shashi Kiran Shetty.

Residents of the city had thrown light on the issue of parking on footpaths earlier last month, when the BBMP began evicting street vendors in Jayanagar. They had questioned why the municipal body did not focus on the issue of parking on footpaths, which is rampant across the city and among the major reasons for obstructions on pedestrian pathways, instead of street vendors as their livelihoods depended on the availability of footpaths.

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Vehicles parked on the footpaths is a common sight in the city

> **The sight of junk vehicles left on the pathways to permanently tarnish the footpaths is also not uncommon**
> –Division bench of High Court

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivkumar said that the ongoing street vendor evictions were as per the High Court's order. "Footpaths are meant to be used by pedestrians, and they cannot be occupied by street vendors. Street vendors will be allowed to do their business at suitable locations, after valid registrations with the authorities. The government is also willing to provide street vendors with financial assistance," he said.

On April 21, 2021, the court had directed authorities to strictly enforce the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, the Karnataka Traffic Control Act and the Indian Penal Code (IPC), and initiate criminal proceedings against encroachers.

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Metro trains sans drivers, not soon; testing will take more time

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Wait a bit more to step into driverless metro

Yellow line is to include driverless train operation, but integration, testing will require some time, after which approval is expected by June or July

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This year's first half may not see the introduction of the much-awaited driverless train operation (DTO) by the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL). A metro official said, "The yellow line includes DTO and Communications-based Train Control (CBTC). Before operations, there is a need to integrate CBTC and rolling stock. Moreover, testing will require an extended period, and it may take up to three months. After the testing phase, we will seek approval, which we anticipate may be granted by June or July. Regarding the civil works, the first prototype of the train may arrive in mid-February."

While the first prototype rolling stock has been officially delivered, it still needs to be shipped, and engineers are also on their way. Once they arrive, the testing will commence. The rolling stock will arrive at Chennai port and then be transported by road to the Hebbagodi depot, added the official.

It's important to note that Communications-based Train Control is a railway signalling system that uses communication between the train and track equipment to manage traffic and control infrastructure.

Unlike traditional systems, CBTC offers more accurate information about a train's position, making railway traffic management safer and more efficient. This technology allows metros and other railway systems to reduce the time intervals between trains while maintaining or improving safety standards.

BMRCL officials said that the DTO will bring more flexibility to train operations and reduce human interventions and human errors. It will also help in improving the availability of coaches for service. The driverless trains will eliminate the manual process of checking done before induction, subsequently reducing the burden on train operators. Parking on the stabling line in depots will also be done automatically. The China Railway Rolling Stock Corporation had won the tender to supply pilotless trains. The contract involves supplying 216 bogies. Out of the 216 bogies, 126 bogies (equivalent to six bogies of 21 trains) will be deployed for the green and blue lines, while the remaining 90 bogies (equivalent to 15 trains of six bogies) will be deployed for the yellow line. A team from BMRCL visited China last year to study signalling and other related aspects.

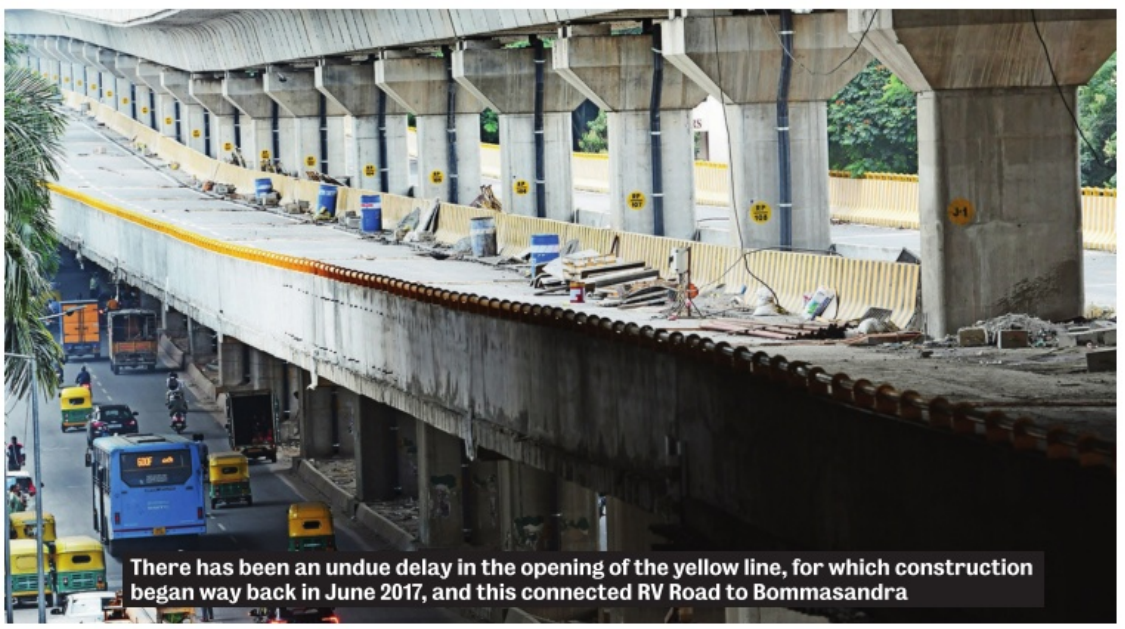
> **"The yellow line includes DTO and Communication-based Train Control. Before operations, there's a need to integrate CBTC**
> — a metro official

It may be noted that there has been an undue delay in the opening of the yellow line, for which construction began way back in June 2017, and this connected RV Road to Bommasandra. Although the physical work on the RV Road-Bommasandra route is nearly complete, the delay in the supply of rolling stock is postponing the commencement of commercial operations. Initially, the plan was to start operations on this stretch by December 2023. Earlier, it was planned to open the project in two stretches: the Bommasandra and Central Silk Board junctions, and later extending from Central Silk Board to RV Road. However, it was decided to have a single stretch of operations between RV Road and Bommasandra, which is now expected later this year.

The RV Road to Bommasandra route faces high vehicular density, and the opening of this stretch promises to benefit the daily commutes of many travelling to Electronic City. Early estimates anticipate accommodating approximately 3.7 lakh commuters, with projections envisioning ridership growing to 4.55 lakh by 2031 and 5.02 lakh by 2041.

The Delhi Metro has already commenced the operation of trains without pilots. The DTO facility was launched on the Magenta Line in 2020, with which the Delhi Metro entered the elite league of the world's 7% of metros that operate fully automated metro networks.

With a driverless network of 96.7 kilometres, the Delhi Metro has now become the fourth largest network in the world to operate with driverless technology.



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AI cams vs physical traffic enforcement

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overspeeding in 2023 as compared to 50,095 cases in 2022; 40,15,729 cases for riders not wearing helmets as compared to 4,39,2381 cases in 2022.

A total of 13,70,218 cases were booked for pillion riders not wearing helmets as compared to 26,08,122 cases in 2022. Some 11,7,738 cases were booked for triple riding in 2023 as compared to 16,2,617 cases in 2022. A total of 61,306 cases were booked for using phones while driving as compared to 15,7,127 cases in 2022.

Stop lane violations included as part of miscellaneous traffic violations also saw a decrease. In 2023, 17,966 cases were booked as compared to 56,346 cases in 2022.

The statistics have raised concerns about whether dependence on technology for detecting traffic violations has been effective or whether they are acting as a deterrent for violators.

Commenting on the decrease in cases of few violations recorded by the AI cameras, a senior traffic official said: "I don't think any such inference can be drawn from this data since physical contact enforcement has been limited to only a few violations like drink and drive, footpath riding, no entry, etc. since December 2022. The other seven violations such as helmet, seat belt etc. are being exclusively detected by AI or contactless enforcement. Contactless enforcement now constitutes 97% of the total detected violations. A good comparison would be of 2023 with 2024 at the end of the year. That would present an idea of both contactless and contact violations." Civic activists felt there is a need to strengthen physical enforcement by traffic cops.

"In theory, the cameras should act as deterrents but we don't know if the violations reported are penalised or not. Under our system, people can use their vehicles without paying fines for years. In other countries, the databases for the transport department and traffic police are linked; people are not able to renew documents and insurance without clearing fines. Last year, enforcement took a nosedive; traffic cops were hardly visible.

Technology-dependent enforcement can only be effective if there are more cameras in the city. There are also vehicle users with backside number plates removed; efforts need to be made to capture the number plates in the front of the vehicle in such scenarios. In general, patrolling needs to be increased to catch violators and fine them," said civic activist Sandeep Anirudhan.

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Invaded path

Dasarahalli

A private building on Dasarahalli Road has occupied the footpath and made an entry and exit for people using the building. There is heavy pedestrian traffic on this road but due to this encroachment there is no path.

Breaking rules?

Jayanagar

Do the number plate rules not apply to government vehicles? This was spotted in Jayanagar.

Strays at airport

BIAL

Stray dogs are moving freely in the arrival lounge at terminal 2 of BIAL, posing a threat to passengers, especially kids.

BBMP seeks cops' aid to knock sense into trasher

Man refuses to either stop dumping trash at public spaces or pay penalty

Person is said to have dumped trash at the spot that was just recently cleaned up by volunteers and BBMP workers

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Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Solid Waste Management officials and marshals were compelled to approach the Subramanyapura police seeking help to convince a person, who refused either to apologise for or to pay penalty after dumping waste at a public place.

Mahadev Patil, marshal supervisor, BBMP South, gave a written complaint to the police complaining against Abhilash, a resident at 8th Cross of Manjunatha Nagar, for being rude towards the BBMP Solid Waste Management staff and marshals when he was caught while dumping waste at a spot that was beautified a few days ago.

"The BBMP staff caught Abhilash while dumping waste on two occasions and advised him not to do that. However, Abhilash went ahead and dumped waste for the third time. When asked to pay the penalty as per Solid Waste Management Rules 2016, Abhilash was not only rude towards the BBMP employees and marshals but also refused to pay up. I request you to summon him to the station and advise him not to dump waste," said Patil in a complaint to the police.

> **"When asked to pay the penalty as per Solid Waste Management Rules 2016, the man was not only rude towards the BBMP employees but also refused to pay up**
>
> –Mahadev Patil, supervisor

Junior Health Inspector Sharath S said the place was beautified a few days ago by the BBMP staff and volunteers. "BBMP marshals kept a vigil round the clock to prevent dumping of waste at the spot. They caught Abhilash while dumping waste at the spot. He refused to pay the penalty. If the authorities allow Abhilash to go scot free, it will encourage others to dump waste at public places," said Sharath.

BBMP Chief Marshal Colonel Rajbir Singh said that it was the responsibility of the citizens and the BBMP to keep public spaces clean. "The BBMP must add the penalty amount to the property tax of the person who refused to pay penalty for dumping waste at the beautified spot," said Singh.

It is learnt that Subramanyapura police have advised the BBMP marshal, who lodged the complaint, that he would be given an acknowledgement in the evening.

3 arrested for attempted murder over property row

Three persons have been arrested by the Bannerghatta Police for their involvement in a violent altercation stemming from a property dispute near Kulumepalya in the city. The suspects, identified as Krishnappa and his sons, Sagar and Anand, allegedly attempted to murder four individuals, including relatives, by deliberately crashing their car into the victims' motorcycles.

Reportedly, the altercation arose when Krishnappa and his sons sought to allocate two acres of land near K Gollahalli for a scrap materials godown project. However, Ravi and Manjunath, who also laid claim to the property, opposed its allocation for the said project. Tensions escalated during a heated argument between the parties over the property, culminating in Krishnappa and his sons ramming into Ravi's motorcycle in an attempt to run him over as he returned home from the site of the dispute. Both Ravi and Manjunath, who was riding pillion, sustained injuries in the incident.

Furthermore, the accused allegedly targeted Narayanappa and Manoj in a similar manner by ramming into their motorcycle, as they had accompanied Ravi and Manjunath to the property earlier that day.

The Bannerghatta Police have initiated legal proceedings by registering a case at the police station. As of now, three individuals have been arrested in connection with the incident.

IN CITY

BBA student jumps to death at college

A 19-year-old college student, identified as Vignesh K, is said to have taken his own life by jumping from the sixth floor of a college building near Hosa Road. Vignesh, a resident of Raghavendra Layout in Hongasandra, was pursuing a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degree at PES College near Hosa Road.

The incident occurred on Tuesday evening within the jurisdiction of the Parappana Agrahara Police Station. According to CK Baba, Deputy Commissioner of Police, South East Division, Vignesh was last seen with friends around 4:30 pm before the fatal incident at 6 pm. Authorities are currently investigating the circumstances surrounding his decision to end his life, and discussions with his parents are underway.

A case has been officially registered at the Parappana Agrahara Police Station in connection.

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Three new K'taka wetlands added to the Ramsar sites

These new additions have taken Karnataka's tally of Ramsar sites to four

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On the eve of World Wetlands Day 2024 (February 2), three more wetlands from Karnataka have been added to the list of Ramsar sites. The three newly added sites include Magadi Kere Conservation Reserve in Gadag, Aghanashini River in central Uttara Kannada, and Ankasamudra Bird Conservation Reserve (ABCR) in Vijayanagara.

These new additions have taken the state's tally of Ramsar sites to four. Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary became the first site in Karnataka to be included on the list in 2022.

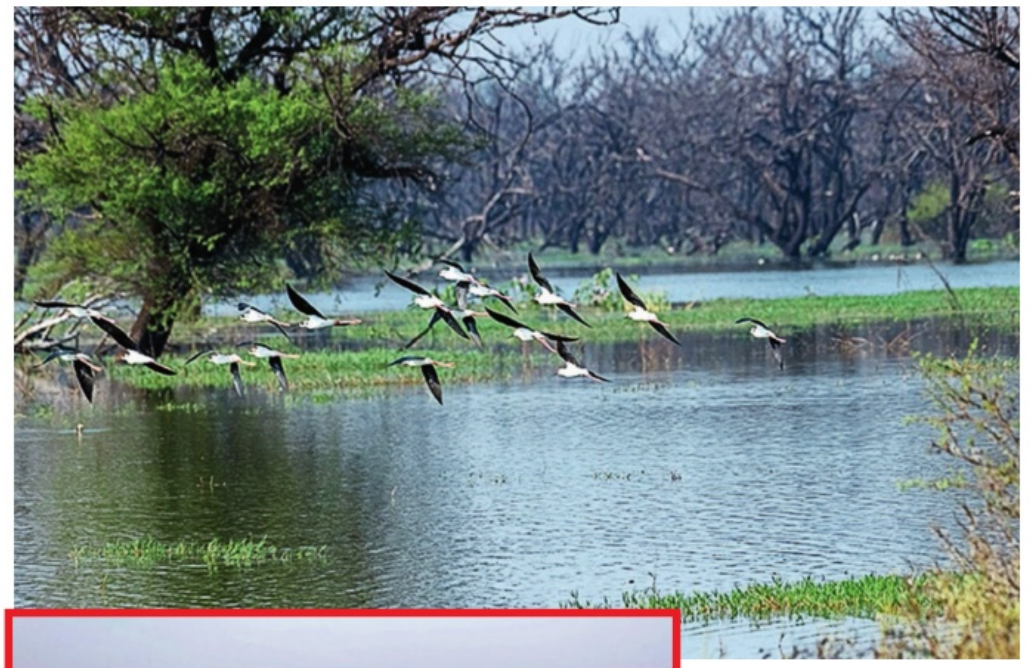
The announcement was made on Wednesday by Dr Musonda Mumba, the Secretary General of the Ramsar Convention. Apart from three sites in Karnataka, two sites from Tamil Nadu were also added to the list, taking the total number of wetland sites in India to 80.

Magadi Kere Conservation Reserve, located 30 km from Gadag, attracts a huge number of migratory waterfowl. It is also one of the largest wintering grounds for the bar-headed goose in southern India. The site has been accorded the status of an Important Bird Area (IBA) and has been listed as a priority area for conservation in India.

The Aghanashini River in the central Uttara Kannada district of Karnataka originates in the Western Ghats and flows westward towards the Arabian Sea. A major part of its course passes through forested gorges and valleys and meets the sea in the Aghanashini village of Kumta taluk. The estuary is a highly productive and biologically rich waterscape in coastal Karnataka. It supports livelihood activities including fishing, agriculture, the collection of edible bivalves and crabs, shrimp aquaculture, traditional fish farming in the estuarine rice fields (locally known as gazni rice fields), bivalve shell mining, and salt production.

Additionally, the mangroves help to protect the shores against storms and cyclones.

The third newly declared Ramsar site, Ankasamudra Bird Conservation Reserve (ABCR), is located in Hagaribommanahalli Taluk of Vijayanagara district. It is located about 40 km from Hampi, the famous UNESCO World Heritage Site. ABCR is an important breeding site for large colonially nesting waterbirds. The site provides several ecosystem services, like the water impounded in the wetland, which recharges groundwater.



Magadi Kere Conservation Reserve & Ankasamudra Bird Conservation (top)

Lake activists welcome the move

"We welcome this decision, as these sites will now have the highest level of protection against every possible threat. However, this is just the beginning. Many more sites in Karnataka and Bengaluru should be listed as Ramsar sites based on their rich biodiversity. We should look forward to adding these sites," said V Ramprasad, founder of Friends of Lakes.

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As per Ramsar, a wetland is defined as areas of marsh or water, whether natural or artificial, permanent or temporary, with water that is static or flowing, including areas of marine water the depth of which at low tide does not exceed 6 metre.

Public consultation on landfill impact

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have worsened the strength, yield, and health of crops.

"The contamination from the landfill and use of pesticides/fertilisers have affected the health of the livestock which feed on grasses growing around it. Milk produced from Ramagondanahalli was once highly sought after and formed a substantial portion of our livelihood. Presently, the quality of milk has deteriorated, impacting livelihoods. Even the cattle suffer various health problems which were never the case earlier," said a farmer.

Participants highlighted that while water, air, and vector-borne diseases have been on the rise since the landfills were set up, these problems have been worsened by climate change.

> **Participants also raised the issue of increase in mosquitoes and flies in the area due to proximity to the landfill**

"Heavy rains and floods have led to the discharge of leachate into the water, soil, and food systems, which is further exacerbated by the use of agrochemicals. During heat waves, the landfill often catches fire, engulfing the villages in smog. This toxicity in the water and air has caused a significant rise in skin, eye, and lung diseases. Participants also spoke of cancer-caused deaths that are on the rise. The food, meat, and milk being contaminated, compromised the nutrition of the residents," mentioned another participant at the consultation.

They also raised the issue of increase in mosquitoes and flies in the area due to proximity to the landfill, leading to health issues such as dengue, malaria, cholera, and chronic illnesses for more than two decades. Many complained about eye infections and allergies too. They shared how the smoke from the landfills has made working outside very difficult.

Code red? Scan the QR code

In Bengaluru, people can now easily access information about the nearest police station and contact details of officers by scanning QR codes placed in public spaces. The Bengaluru city police have introduced QR code posters across the city, allowing individuals to connect with local police stations swiftly. This initiative aims to provide convenient access to essential information during emergencies or inquiries.

If you scan the code, it leads to a portal with details such as the nearest police station's address, inspector's name, email, mobile, and landline numbers. Integrated with Google Maps, the portal assists users in locating the nearest police station and facilitates communication through WhatsApp. Additionally, users can report incidents via the portal.

B Dayananda, Bengaluru city police commissioner, explained that QR code posters are strategically placed in prominent locations like parks, bus stands, and metro stations to help people understand the jurisdiction of each police station. This initiative addresses the common challenge of identifying the appropriate police station during emergencies. Dayananda credited the idea to a participant in a public contact programme and emphasised on its practicality after discussions.

The city police have initially installed QR code posters in 50 locations per division and plan to expand based on usage. –BMB

Perverts' act was part of wager

A young man has been apprehended by authorities in this city on suspicion of spanking a woman at a hotel, according to police reports released on Wednesday. The individual, identified as Chandan, allegedly admitted during interrogation that he was coerced by his companions to carry out the inappropriate action as part of a wager.

The incident, which occurred on December 30, 2023, unfolded at a hotel situated in the Vijayanagar area around 7:30 pm. A female staff member of the hotel lodged a complaint after witnessing Chandan striking the woman near the cash counter while his friends reportedly observed and laughed.

Chandan, employed as a gas cylinder delivery personnel, claimed that he and his friends frequented the hotel where the challenge was issued. The woman vehemently objected to the act, leading to a confrontation with Chandan and his associates.

Authorities investigating the matter revealed that Chandan and his accomplices had formed a group targeting young women visiting hotels, allegedly engaging in inappropriate behavior and, in this instance, encouraging one member to perform the act while others looked on.

Security footage obtained by the police depicted the trio entering the hotel and strategising the indecent act. While one of them carried out the action, the others appeared to derive amusement from the scene. –BMB

Cobra on the plane

CISF personnel stationed at Kempegowda International Airport apprehended a traveler attempting to smuggle a reptile into the country. The individual, identified as Purushottam, had concealed a cobra inside a bottle upon arriving from Don Mueang International Airport in Bangkok via an AirAsia flight.

The discovery was made during routine luggage inspection, prompting the authorities to hand over the passenger to Forest Department officials for further investigation. –BMB

Look, who's jumped into the scene

Experts point to resilience of wildlife in unexpected urban ecosystems after researchers discover new species of frog thriving in heart of Bengaluru

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A team of researchers from various national and international organisations has identified and documented a new species of frog thriving amidst the urban landscape of Bengaluru. Experts say the discovery marks a significant milestone in biodiversity research and highlights the resilience of wildlife in unexpected urban ecosystems.

The new species has been named 'Sphaerotheca varshaabhu', attributed to its behavior of coming out of burrows during the early showers. The amphibian exhibits distinctive characteristics that set it apart from known frog species.

Dr Deepak P, the lead researcher, stumbled upon this species during a routine biodiversity survey conducted in the city. The team utilised advanced genetic analysis, morphological studies, and bioacoustics to confirm the distinctiveness

DEEPAK P

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of this newly discovered amphibian. "This discovery challenges our preconceptions about where new species can be found. The fact that such a unique frog has been living right under our noses in the heart of Bengaluru city is truly remarkable," said Dr Deepak.

Researchers say the species has adapted to its urban surroundings, displaying behaviors and physical attributes that enable it to navigate the challenges posed by urbanization. The discovery emphasizes the need for continued exploration of urban ecosystems and the preservation of biodiversity in areas heavily impacted by human activities.

"Researchers are still clueless on the role of urban and peri-urban green locales supporting biodiversity but the current research gives us an insight and hope on how larger spaces and water bodies could be conserving the species in an urban context," says Dr Chetan Nag KS, Associate Professor from Jain University.

"We hope that this discovery prompts increased attention to the importance of urban biodiversity conservation, specifically the permanent water bodies in the human habited landscapes" added Dr KP Dinesh Scientist E, Zoological Survey of India (ZSI).

According to Dr Dinesh, who has already been involved in discovering more than 45 new species of frogs from India, many more new species are awaiting formal description shortly from the country as many researchers have geared up exploring the vast diversity of amphibians from the country.

Other researchers included Annemarie Ohler from NMNH, France. The team of researchers is from Mount Carmel College, Bengaluru; Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), Western Regional Centre (WRC), Pune; JAIN (Deemed- to- be-University), Bengaluru; Institute of Systematics, Evolution, Centre for Ecological Sciences (CES), Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru; Department of Zoology, Yuvaraja College, University of Mysore and others.

Kannada ordinance

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot has returned an ordinance that proposed a mandatory 60% use of Kannada in business and establishment of signboards to the state government. Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said on Tuesday, that the Governor has sent it back, saying it should be passed in the Assembly.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah clarified on Wednesday that the Governor has sent the ordinance back to the government and wishes for a bill to be presented before the Legislature and passed, considering the upcoming legislative session.

Traffic police appreciated

The 16th annual 'Celebrating My City Traffic Police' day was organised by the Children's Movement for Civic Awareness (CMCA) at the Traffic Police Park on St. Mark's Road to honour the unsung heroes of Bengaluru - the city's traffic police and constables.

The event hosted over 70 traffic police and 70 students from 10 different schools

Joint Commissioner of Police, Traffic, MN Anucheth said the traffic police are usually criticised, and it's nice to be thanked and appreciated.

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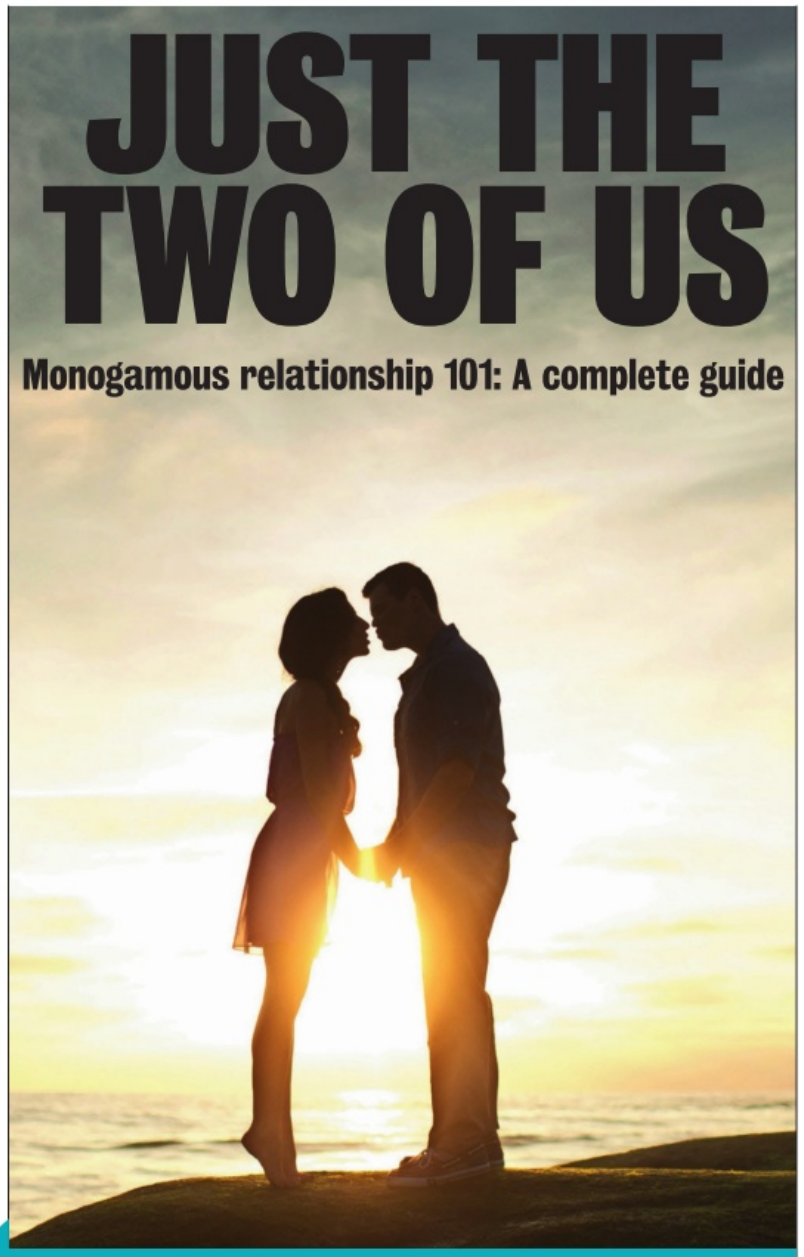
Monogamous relationship 101: A complete guide



Monogamous relationships are formed when two people bond so intimately, that they become soulmates. They are so precious to each other that the rest of the world doesn't matter to them. As strong as that might sound, monogamous relationships aren't easy to find.

What is Monogamy?

Monogamy is when two people are emotionally, romantically, and sexually committed to each other. They are loyal, truthful, and deeply connected.

What Is A Monogamy Relationship?

Monogamous relationships are when two people are exclusive, open, and honest. Communication is essential in monogamous relationships. Partners discuss their desires, concerns, and boundaries to ensure that both parties are on the same page and that the relationship remains healthy and satisfying. They create a very supportive environment for each other.

Monogamy V/s Non-Monogamy?

Monogamy involves having just one dedicated partner whereas nonmonogamy relationships are quite the opposite. Nonmonogamy relationships involve more than one partner. Where each partner knows about each other removing infidelity out of the equation.

Types Of Non-Monogamous Relationships

Some in-numerous types and arrangements come under non-monogamous relationships:

Open Relationships
It's when a primarily committed couple takes each other's consent to bond with other partners. It requires a large amount of trust and emotional maturity. Establishment of rules and regulations is important to know the boundaries to avoid any kind of jealousy and insecurity, which could be a very delicate topic in open relationships.

Polyamory
Polyamory is a type of non-monogamous relationship that involves having multiple sexual, romantic, and emotional relationships. Unlike open relationships, there is no primary relationship to focus on. They treat each other equally. Managing time and emotional resources can be a challenge in polyamorous relationships.

Triads
A triad is a relationship in which three people are romantically and/or sexually involved with each other. Triads come in various forms, each with its dynamics and nuances.

Relationship Anarchy
Relationship anarchy is a non-traditional approach to relationships that rejects societal norms. And is in favor of creating individualized and flexibility. It's a philosophy and lifestyle that encourages individuals to define their relationships on their terms.

Monogamish
"Monogamish" is a term coined by sex columnist Dan Savage. It means to be in a partially open relationship.

Vee or "V" Relationships
In a Vee or "V" relationship there are two aspects. The Hinge and the Two Arms.
The Hinge: The hinge is the central figure in the Vee. This person is romantically or sexually involved with both of the arms of the V and maintains separate relationships with each of them.
The Arms: The arms of the Vee are the two individuals who are connected to the hinge but not necessarily to each other romantically or sexually.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the three 3 types of monogamy?
- The 3 types of monogamy are serial monogamy, covenant marriage, and emotional monogamy.

What is monogamy vs. polygamy?
- Monogamy is when you are in a sexual, romantic, or emotional relationship with a single person. Polygamy is when you are sexual, romantic, or emotionally involved with more than one person.

Why is a monogamous relationship so hard?
- Being openly honest and loyal to a person takes dedication hence monogamous relationships are hard but with clear communication it becomes easy.

Tips To Explore Monogamy

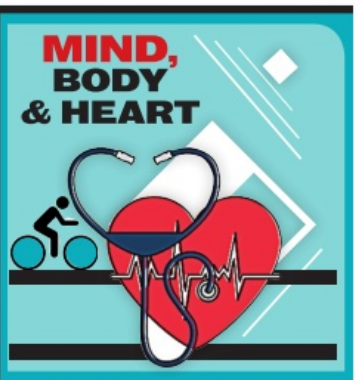
Communication is the key to any long-lasting relationship. Set clear boundaries. Spend quality time with each other to bond better. Build a relationship on trust, honesty, and loyalty.

Signs That Monogamy Might Be A Problem In Your Current Relationship
- You have a strong desire to explore and engage in multiple relationships.
- You've been open about instances where you were not faithful in past relationships.
- You hold a deep and authentic passion for forming connections with others.
- Agreement on boundaries and clear rules with your partner often proves challenging.
- You are comfortable with the idea of your partner being involved with others, especially in a sexual context.
- Within monogamous relationships, you've experienced feelings of being confined, unhappiness, or suffocation.
- You have a genuine enthusiasm for nurturing new relationships and enhancing your communication skills, aiming to make them enjoyable and intriguing.
- You value your alone time and are at ease with your partner spending time with others, provided you don't constantly worry about their activities. This makes non-monogamous relationships more appealing to you.
- Your inclination is towards a mindset of sharing everything rather than fixating on possessing exclusive "shares" of things like food, clothing, or time. This mindset is fundamental in non-monogamous relationships.
- You do not tend to experience insecurity or jealousy when your partner is out and about. You welcome challenging situations, emerging from them stronger than before.
- Despite being apprehensive about grappling with complex emotions, you are committed to actively managing them, including anxiety, jealousy, shame, confusion, or insecurity. Such emotions are common in the early stages of non-monogamous relationships.
- Your core concept of a relationship revolves around the involvement of multiple partners. You recognize that some individuals seek polyamory not because of dissatisfaction with monogamy's structure but because of underlying issues in their relationships. Therefore, you emphasize the importance of understanding your true relationship desires.
- If you are attracted to individuals of multiple gender identities, non-monogamous relationships may better accommodate your desires, as traditional monogamous relationships might leave you feeling unfulfilled.
- You genuinely feel the urge to connect with multiple people, embrace spontaneity in life, and are inherently drawn to the concept of polyamory.
- You can easily experience compersion, the joy in someone else's happiness, which is crucial in steering clear of possessiveness or jealousy when your partner is involved with others.

How To Talk About Monogamy With Your Partner?

Firstly, decide the right time and right place to talk about being in a monogamous relationship with your partner. Be very clear and give genuine reasoning while expressing yourself. After you have laid your points wait for your partner to listen and be an active listener. Lay your boundaries and most importantly explore alternatives both of you might be open to.

—by Prisha Raote, Femina



All you need to know about...

Extra fingers and toes

Rare disorder
Researchers have identified a rare disorder that causes babies to be born with extra fingers and toes and a range of birth defects.

Genetic mutation
The disorder, which has not yet been named, is caused by a genetic mutation in a gene called MAX. As well as extra digits -- polydactyly -- it leads to a range of symptoms relating to ongoing brain growth, such as autism, said the team from the University of Leeds, UK.

Helpful molecule
The research marks the first time this genetic link has been identified. It has also found a molecule that could potentially be used to treat some of the neurological symptoms and prevent any worsening of their condition. However, more research is needed to test this molecule before it can be used as a treatment.

Way to understand rare conditions
"Currently there are no treatments for these patients. This means that our research into rare conditions is not only important to help us understand them better, but also to identify potential ways to treat them," said Dr James Poulter from the University of Leeds.
"In this case, we found a drug that is already in clinical trials for another disorder -- meaning we could fast-track this for these patients if our research finds the drug reverses some of the effects of the mutation.

Interdisciplinary research
"It also means that other patients with a similar combination of features can be tested to see if they have the same variant we have identified in our study," Dr Poulter said.
The study team has highlighted the importance of interdisciplinary research into rare diseases in giving understanding and hope of treatment to families. —IANS

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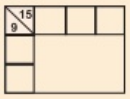
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

A cube measuring 8 units to a side is cut into identical smaller cubes. How long is one side of smaller cube?

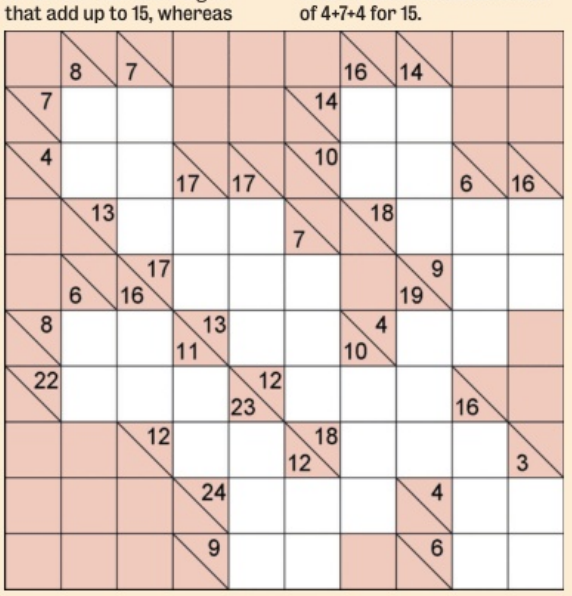
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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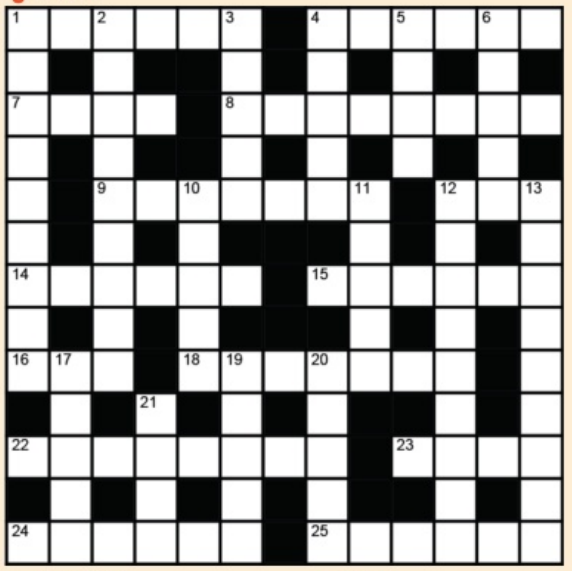


ACROSS

1 Stimulates or excites a person? (4,2)
4 Airships (6)
7 Under-cooked (4)
8 Overlooking or forgetting (8)
9 Puts up with (7)
12 Parties (3)
14 Creature (6)
15 Falls near Rajiv Gandhi National Park (6)
16 Inquire about (3)
18 Beat very convincingly (7)
22 Pig-headed (8)
23 Cat's noise (4)
24 Private rules for a town (2-4)
25 Maintained (6)

DOWN

1 Our state (9)
2 Standard of comparison? (9)
3 Conclusive evidence (5)
4 Tobacco pipe (5)
5 Greek vowel (4)
6 Seasonal show, in short (5)
10 Former French coin (5)
11 Bush (5)
12 Leave-taking (9)
13 Trembled, shivered (9)
17 Malaysian dish (5)
19 Appearances (5)
20 African tongue (5)
21 Waterloo group (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: R EQUALS T

RLK KVKNTF SC RLK XDVE DB RLK KBBKVPK SC WDCK.

Linemaro

Do you live in a corn field, cause I'm stalking you

Mindchow

I would rather live my life as if there is a God and die to find out there isn't, than live as if there isn't and to die to find out that there is

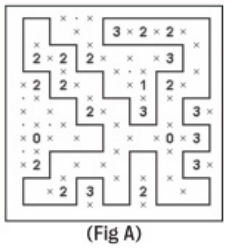
Joke of the day

Dear Math, please grow up and solve your own problems. We are tired of solving them for you

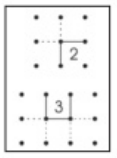
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

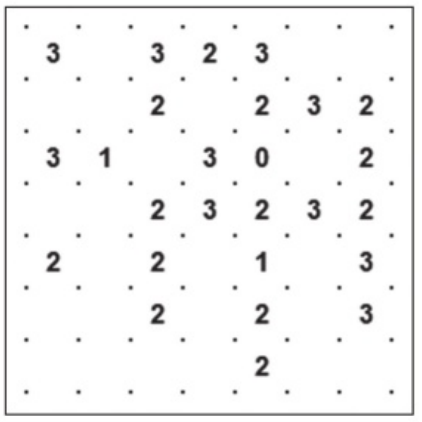


(Fig B) Not Allowed

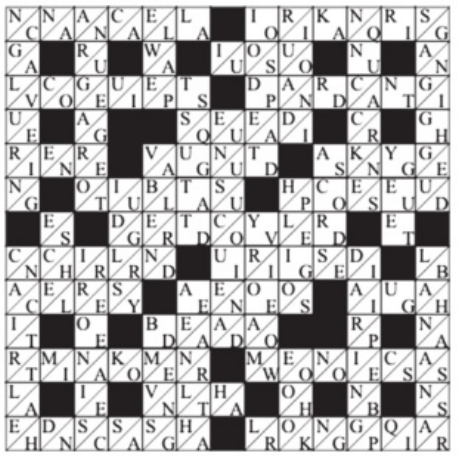
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



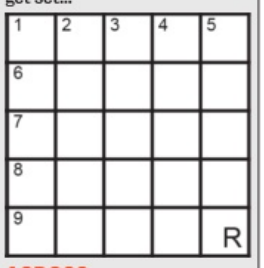
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

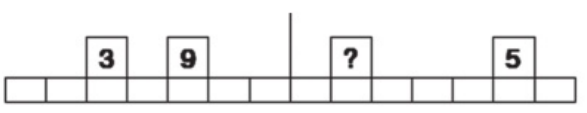
1 Cue at; 6 Sones; 7 Tunga; 8 Gates; 9 Liter

DOWN

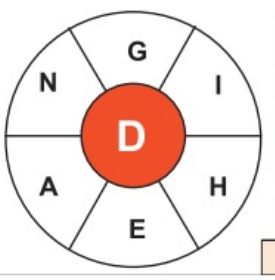
1 Stang; 2 To CIA; 3 Luaus; 4 Genet; 5 Steer

Mensapuzzle

What weight should replace the question mark in order for the scales to balance?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

12 Average; 14 Good; 16 Outstanding

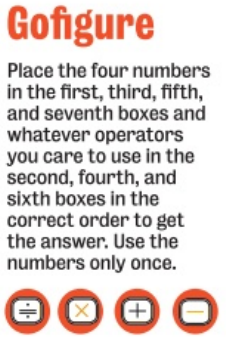
SudokuChallenge

		5						6
4			2		9			
3	7			6				8
	4				6			7
	8			5			2	
1			3				9	
5				8			3	2
			9		7			1
6						7		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 7

2 5 7 7

Medium = 19

5 6 9 9

Hard = 40

1 3 5 3

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

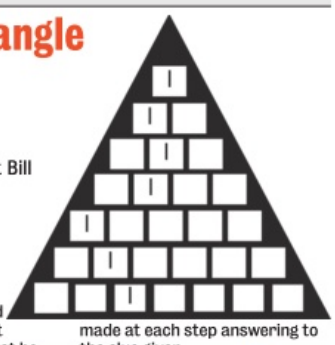
Differences: 1. Ball is missing. 2. Glove is different. 3. Number on shirt is lower. 4. Sneakers are different. 5. Chest protector strap is missing. 6. Fence is not as wide.

Riddler

A car rental company charges a flat fee of $30 plus $0.20 per mile driven. If a customer rents a car and drives it 150 miles, how much will they be charged?

Alpha triangle

1 Pronoun
2 Not out
3 Money (old slang)
4 Fabric fuzz
5 Cove
6 Early tennis great Bill
7 Gleamed



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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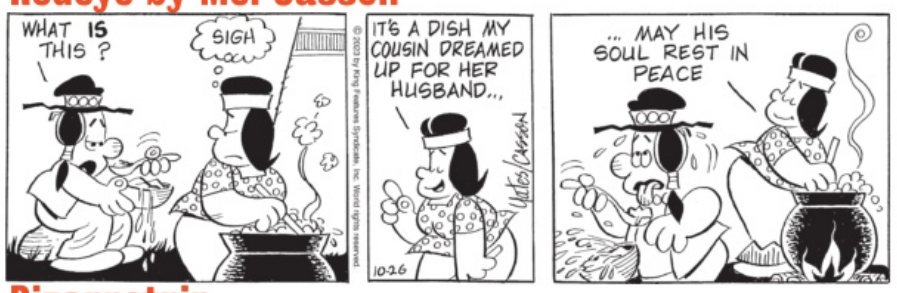

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Can I get the pesto over linguine? Fusilli reminds me of work.
Menu
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Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

WE MAKE A GOOD TEAM, DEAN.
ALWAYS HAVE, ALWAYS WILL.
UNLESS YOU WANNA DO THE THREE-LEGGED RACE AGAIN. YOU'LL HAVE TO FIND SOMEONE ELSE.
WHAT?!
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Crankshaft

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Mutts

LISTEN, I'M GOING AWAY FOR A WHILE TO VISIT MY NANA. BUT DON'T WORRY...
I'LL BE BACK BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!
IT'S OKAY...
I'LL BE HERE.
mutts.com/GuardDog
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WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may feel dull. You may have some health issues. You are advised to postpone making investments in the business. It is also advised not to start a new venture. You are likely to face losses in the business. Your gains are likely to be converted into losses.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you are blessed by the moon; you may be able to make quick decisions on the professional front. You may expect to get new opportunities in terms of business, which may boost your confidence level. You are likely to start some new innovations with the help of your partner, which may increase your business in the near future.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you are blessed by the moon, you may perform well at work, and you may expect some promotions or transfers in terms of gains. You may also plan to change your current job. Your relations with the boos may be boosted now. Chronic health issues will be resolved now, which may make your family happy.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon, which may give you confidence. You may be able to make important decisions confidently. You are also decisive, so you may grab the opportunity without a second thought. You are likely to spend money on family and friends. Love birds may enjoy their happy moments. Job aspirants are likely to get a suitable job with the help of friends.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may have a dull feeling. You may not enjoy your day. You may be a victim of arrogance. It may affect both your professional and domestic lives. You may internally feel a lack of confidence, which may stop you from doing something creative at work.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you are advised to control your straightforwardness; your loose talk may affect people around you. You may spend your hard-earned money on buying some worthless stuff. Your mind is likely to work very fast; it is advised to make any important decision with patience.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may make quick decisions, which may have benefits in your day-to-day life. You may make some difficult decisions with the help of your colleagues, and you are likely to achieve success easily. Property-related disputes between siblings are likely to be resolved. You may also expect some short trips.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you are advised to control your straightforwardness; your loose talk may affect people around you. You may spend your hard-earned money on buying some worthless stuff. Your mind is likely to work very fast; it is advised to make any important decision with patience.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may not feel better; old health issues may arise, and it may make you upset. You may make some wrong decisions due to impatience and hurry. It is advised to think twice before making any decision. It is advised that you should not keep money loose; otherwise, you may spend it on buying worthless stuff.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, there may be peace in the mind. You may plan to invest some capital in the business, which may increase its liquidity. Your earnings may boost your financial health. You may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which may enhance harmony in family life. Singles are likely to find a suitable match. Lovebirds may make the decision to get married. Students will be blessed by good karma.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may be very happy, and your losses may be converted into profits. Your seniors may be happy and appreciate your work. You are likely to have some changes in your place, position, or responsibilities at work in terms of promotions. Your opponents and hidden enemies may be under control now. Singles and lovebirds may make important decisions in terms of marriage with the help of relatives or friends.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you are blessed by the moon, which may make you happy. Last week's crunch is now over. With the help of blessings, you may get reciprocation for your hard work. With the help of your subordinates, you may be able to initiate your postponed work. There are some gains in your business that may boost your finances.

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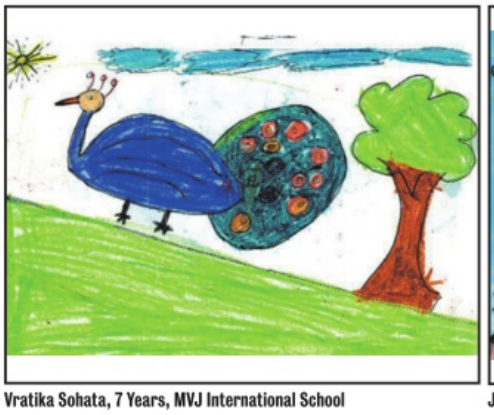

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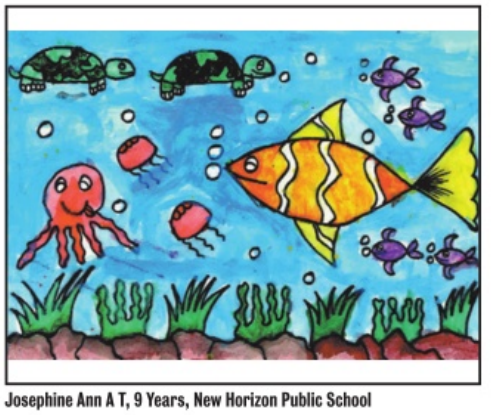

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
8'S'S'S = 8'8'8 , so S=4

QUOTE UNCODE
The energy of the mind is the essence of life.

STRIKE OUT

E	N	C	A	S	H		L	O	G	O	G	I	C	A

FAST FIVE

T	I	L	E	R
S	T	A	G	E
N	O	S	E	S
G	A	U	N	T
A	C	U	T	E

RIDDLER
$60. The total cost of renting the car is the sum of the flat fee and the cost per mile driven. The cost per mile is $0.20, so the total cost is: $30 + $0.20 * 150 = $30 + $30 = $60

QUICK

B	Y	L	A	W	S		U	P	H	E	L	D		

MENSA PUZZLE
5 × 3 = 15 6 × 5 = 30
3 × 9 = 27
2 × 6 = 12 15 + 27 = 42
30 + 12 = 42

BULL'S EYE
aged, aide, dean, deign, dine, ding, hanged, head, egad, gained, hand, HEADING, hide, hind, hinged, idea

SUDOKU

6	2	1	5	4	3	7	8	9
8	3	4	9	2	7	5	6	1
5	9	7	6	8	1	4	3	2
1	5	6	3	7	2	8	9	4
7	8	9	1	5	4	6	2	3
2	4	3	8	9	6	1	5	7
3	7	2	4	6	5	9	1	8
4	6	8	2	1	9	3	7	5
9	1	5	7	3	8	2	4	6

ALPHA TRIANGLE
I, In, Tin, Lint, inlet, Tilden, Glinted.

GO FIGURE
Easy
2 − 7 + 7 + 5 = 7
Medium
9 + 9 + 6 − 5 = 19
Hard
3 × 3 − 1 × 5 = 40

LOOP

KAKURO

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